

St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary Governing Board Meeting 18/12/12 6:30 p.m. Jr Campus Staff Room

Type of meeting: Governing Board – Regular 18-19 #3

Presence:

Parent Members: Balgovind Pande, Kathleen McAdams, Martin O’Connell, Julie Smith;

Parent Substitutes: Sarah Campeau;

Staff: Linda Neron, David Arless, Marie-Hélène Mondor,

Support Staff: Laura Sulano;

Ex-Officio: Deborah Shizgal, Judith Kelley

3.1 Call to Order & Welcome

By Balgovind Pande at 6:42 pm.

3.2 Adoption of the Agenda

Correction to the location of the meeting: Jr Campus Staff Room

Motion to adopt the agenda with the correction was proposed by Laura Sulano, seconded by Linda Néron, carried unanimously.

3.3 Adoption of the Minutes of October 10, 2018

Motion to adopt the minutes of October 10, 2018 was postponed to the February meeting.

Adoption of the Minutes of November 8, 2018

Correction to section 2.3: accompanying documents will not be attached to the minutes.

Motion to adopt the minutes of November 8, 2018 with the correction was proposed by Linda Néron, seconded by David Arless, carried unanimously by members present at meeting only.

3.4 Questions from Public

No members of the public were present at the meeting. Judith Kelley discussed the issue that was raised at the November 8 meeting regarding the fact that an e-mail vote cannot be held between meetings since it does not give the opportunity for public representation. A possible solution would be to call an extraordinary conference call meeting where most participants would call in and the public would be invited to join the principal on the call at a specified location. Awaiting confirmation of the validity of this procedure.

3.5 Business Arising

3.5.1 Community Reps

Kathleen McAdams did not get an answer from the candidate that she approached. This item will be deferred indefinitely.

3.6 New Business

3.6.1 School Budget 2018-2019 (Nov. revised)

The budget was reviewed by Deborah Shizgal. There were no questions nor comments. Motion to adopt the budget was proposed by Julie Smith, seconded by David Arless, carried unanimously.

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The budget was reviewed by Laura Sulano. A question was asked pertaining to the deficit that daycare operations generate prior to receiving the government allocation, which is only distributed mid-December, inquiring whether the daycare pays interest to the school board to cover the temporary debt. Judith Kelley will

enquire after the Council of Commissioners. Motion to adopt the budget was proposed by David Arless, seconded by Julie Smith, carried unanimously.

3.6.3 Field Trips

- 12 grade 6 students will participate in the Ultimate Frisbee Tournament in the Jeux de Montréal on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the Complexe sportif de St-Laurent. Parents will bring their own child on location on the day of the tournament. Tryouts will take place at school prior to the event, followed by practices at lunch time.
- 12 students from grades 5 and 6 selected for their leadership skills will attend the Jr Leadership Day at Macdonald High School on Friday, February 8, 2019. They will be transported by bus and the cost will be covered by the school.

Motion to approve these field trips was proposed by Kathleen McAdams, seconded by Linda, carried unanimously.

3.6.4 Rentals

The Namuwongo Literacy Project would like to rent the gymnasium on the evening of April 12 at 5 pm in order to host a Comedy Night fundraiser. They will need tables and chairs. Motion to rent the gymnasium was proposed by Kathleen McAdams, seconded by Sarah Campeau, carried unanimously.

3.7 Reports

3.7.1 Parents' Committee Report

Kathleen McAdams reported on the last Parents Committee meeting.

3.7.2 Council of Commissioners' Report

- Deep learning cluster meetings have been taking place.
- Lester B. Pearson School Board's international schools program generates revenue which is used for assisting students with special needs.
- Summer school in cycle 1 high school classes will be offered as an online virtual program on a trial basis this year in an effort to be more successful and to reach more students.

3.7.3 Daycare Report

With 2 consecutive pedagogical days in November, on the 29th & 30th the kids were kept busy with a cookie decorating workshop and hockey on the 29th and a Jack Astor's lunch and the movie Ralph breaks the internet on the 30th.

Our Annual Art Gala will be held tomorrow. The students have been very busy getting their crafts together to display in the gym. When parents pick up their kids before heading home they can stroll through the gym and take a look.

Here are the highlights for the month of November:

Grade 3

- In cooking the students made 3 different flavored mini pancake muffins. Chocolate chip blueberry and raisin. The grade 3's also worked on the November bulletin board creating a Remembrance Day themed display.

Grade 4

- In cooking they prepared pumpkin cream cheese crescent rolls and Grinch fruit kabobs as well as yogurt parfaits & strawberry vanilla shortcakes. In art they decorated our halls with a variety of poppies all around the school.

Grade 5

- Science was a success with an impressive experiment observing the chemical reaction of heat & foam caused by mixing yeast, dish soap & food coloring. They also observed the flying raisin experiment where the mixed sprite and raisins and watched the reaction

Grade 6

- Through their craft this month the kid used science to help create their projects. They made different shades of colour by adding water. Mixed colors to create hues. Adding salt to then allow the colors to part. The students enjoyed seeing the different effects through every step.

3.7.4

Principal's Report

- Picture Day retake on Nov. 15th
- Choir recorded music video for the CBC Music Contest. The link is on FB. We did not qualify for the Top 10 but a extremely proud of all the hard work done by the students and Mr. Arless and Mr. Victor
- Term 1 Reports released Nov. 20th
- P/T Interviews on Nov. 28th, 29th
- In school PED Day Nov. 30th
- Book collection and sale Dec. 3rd and 7th. \$870 was raised for the Pearson Education Fund
- Choir participated in a Broadway Sing-a-long at LPHS for on Dec. 9th. Special thanks to Judy Pemberton for organizing. Money raised goes to PEF
- Visited LPHS for a holiday concert by their grade 8 bands
- Christmas Baskets drop-off at the Church Nov. 13th
- Staff Party Dec. 14th
- We received a Culture in the Schools Grant for \$6263 for a mural project.

Coming up

- Reading Week is next week Dec. 17th-21st. We have movies, guest readers, art activities, class pairing and sharing and more:

Monday, December 17 , 2018 – Hats off to reading week,
Kick off Assembly & Wear Crazy or favourite hat.

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 – Fox and socks:
Wear crazy or mismatched socks.

Wednesday, December 19, 2018 – Wacky Wednesday:
Let's get silly, wear your clothes backwards, inside out or mismatched.
Talent Show organized and planned by students.

Thursday, December 20, 2018 – Math with the Lorax:
Guess how many books in the library.

Friday, December 21, 2018 – Cozy up to good book:
Wear your jammies for a PJ reading day! Also, enjoy special guest readers!

- Dec. 21st is a shortened day

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Questions from Public

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

Correspondence

None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next meeting : February 13, 2018.